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# Frosh Week: what to expect

MEAGHAN BROWN AND DUKE MCKENZIE (O-WEEK WEIRDOS)  
CORD FROSH NEWS

Okay, so you've heard all the rumours and stories. Are they true? Well, Orientation week (or as we lovingly call it - Frosh week) isn't as bad as you may have heard. In fact, it could very well be the best week of your life - if you let it. So we compiled a few examples of what you can expect when you arrive here on the Laurier campus on Labour Day. Trust us, we know.

MYTH #1: I will spend the week with my nose in my books, a mechanical pencil stuck in one hand and a calculator in another. I will not see the light of day, and eat only goulash served by my professors in the dining hell (oops, I mean hall).

FACT #1: WRONG. You are going to Wilfrid Laurier University not the University of Waterloo. Orientation week is spent outdoors, meeting new people, participating in fun games and screaming really loudly. (and the food is really good!)

MYTH #2: The volunteers in frosh week are just serious students who don't care about the first years and are there to make sure that you stand up straight, brush your teeth, get to bed before 9:00pm and stay away from that devil water - alcohol. They also forbid you to talk to anyone of the opposite sex unless it is for academic reasons.

FACT #2: WRONG AGAIN. You are

going to Laurier, not Western. The 112 volunteer ICEBREAKERS are there because they care about you. They want to see you have a wonderful, entertaining week and will help to guide you through it. (However, they are not there to baby-sit you!) They are energetic, enthusiastic, dynamic and creative and it will definitely rub off on you. Their goal is to make sure that you have a comfortable, safe and above all, fun time adjusting to university life. They are also one of your best resources when questions arise.

MYTH #3: As soon as I walk onto campus, a keg of beer will be fed down my throat and I will be forced to take baths filled with Jack Daniels' alcoholic product. Following that, I will be forced to funnel a case of Labatt 50. (BLAH!)

FACT #3: Maybe if you chose to go to Windsor, but not here at Laurier. There will be social events almost every evening where alcohol will be served to those of legal age. Underage students will still be able to attend events, however, a wrist band policy will not allow them to be served.

There will also be BACCHUS Boosters present during the week to promote responsible drinking and who look after those who indulge in not-so-responsible drinking.

MYTH #4: I will be subject to humiliating acts performed by sadistic,



This room was home sweet home for one frosh after three days of Orientation week mayhem.

drunk seniors. I will be forced to walk around in my underwear and feed the students grapes. I will finish the week without a trace of body hair, green skin and fluorescent coloured teeth.

FACT #4: That is actually more of a Queen's thing. At Laurier's frosh week, you will not be asked to do anything you are not comfortable with. You will be expected to show a little Laurier spirit (but that should come naturally) and have an awesome time!

MYTH #5: The Orientation Committee rocks the show!

FACT #5: Actually, Frosh week is put together by a hard working group of 17 students (plus one sort of adult) who work all summer to make sure that Frosh week is amazing for every single first year student.

Although the Head Icebreakers are more easily recognized, the Orientation Committee works behind the scenes to make sure everything runs smoothly.

MYTH #6: The Tragically Hip, Oasis and Coolio are coming together for a one night ever appearance at Wilfrid Laurier's O-Week 1996.

FACT #6: We wanted someone bigger. These guys didn't cut it. So, the bands will have to be a surprise but we guarantee that you will love it!

So, there you have it. Make sure you register early for Orientation Week to reserve your spot. We hope that it is everything that you expected and more.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

One last note: COME PREPARED FOR THE BEST WEEK OF YOUR LIFE!

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER! WAHOOOOOO!

## Rating the residences



Bricker's Apartment-style residence makes it unique on campus.

ROBIN WHITTAKER  
CORD (FROSH) NEWS

I'm sure you've already heard it at least once: "Res life's a blast".

It su-u-u-u-re is!

Now first off, let's dispel one concern you've likely already formulated. Making friends is gonna be easy, if you remember one thing: everyone else is in the same boat. You may not know anyone else, but no one else knows you. It's the proverbial blank slate.

Secondly, Orientation Week — aw f\*ck it: Frosh Week — is specifically designed to get you acquainted with EVERYONE ELSE. You'll meet, no joke, over seven hundred people that week. And the best part is that they'll say "hi" to you for weeks, even years, afterward, if you're nice in the first place. The bottom line is that dehydration and blazing sun are the perfect seasonings for creating an assimilated, burned-out, happy-as-a-hyena first-year student.

So now O-Week is o-ver. Finally you'll have the time to unpack.

Psych!

Time to bond with the guys/girls on your floor. If only you didn't have those darned classes to go to. Which brings up a vital, unique-to-Laurier point: you party when you want, and you study when you want. Nine times out of ten there's nooooo pressure either way.

Where the pressure sets in is around 8:00am, 10:00am, 3:00pm,

or whenever you get your arse out of bed. The mad fight for the shower stalls begins. And with shower heads measuring in at 6 foot zilch, if you're tall, you kneel.

Now, if you're a guy, you'll soon realize the girls have the cleaner, neater, smell-nicier residences. Nevertheless, it's a classic case of the chicken or the egg. You'll see.

But, as Cord EIC Melanie Seal said in reference to the girls residences, their "policy towards guests sucks." She cited stingy rules and crowded lounges. You'll stop complaining by December.

Proximity should not go without mention. The single, most defining trait where all Laurier residences are concerned is that they are ALL within one square block of ALL classes. You can wake up ten minutes before that 8:30am slot (or that 5:00pm slot) and still make it, even before the professor wanders in, often punctually, sometimes not.

So, without further ado, here's the best and not-so-best residences at WLU.

Necessary Disclaimer: this list should IN NO WAY be seen as any sort of a definitive where-not-to live LIST. It's just a few opinions from a few humble editors.

Tom Hrubes (News Editor):

Best Girls' Res: Bouckaert

Best Guys' Res: Little House

Worst Girls Res: Conrad

Worst Guys' Res: Willison

Comment: "Conrad looks like it

was designed by a Waterloo Engineering student."

Greg Chownyk (Sports Editor):

Best Girls' Res: Bouckaert

Best Guys' Res: Little House

Worst Girls Res: Leupold (coed, quiet)

Worst Guys' Res: Willison

Comment: "Willison? No, the projects."

Aaron Hunter (Entertainment Editor)

Best Girls' Res: Bricker (coed, apartment style)

Best Guys' Res: Bricker

Worst Girls Res: Bricker

Worst Guys' Res: Bricker

Comment: "Bricker!!"

Robin Whittaker (Assistant Entertainment Editor; moi)

Best Girls' Res: Bouckaert

Best Guys' Res: Little House

Worst Girls Res: No such thing

Worst Guys' Res: Willison

Comment: "It's not that Willison is bad, but, well, you wouldn't want to live ... aw never mind."

Melanie Seal (Editor-In-Chief)

Best Girls' Res: Bouckaert

Best Guys' Res: MacDonald House (co-ed)

Worst Girls Res: Conrad

Worst Guys' Res: Willison

Comment: "Bouckaert has always been the home of the babes."

Oh yes. Now you can unpack.

# Student services: here to help you out



## Student Help Line

JENNIFER CARTER  
CORD FROSH NEWS

The Help Line is a student-run telephone service that is provided for students at WLU. All volunteers are trained in active listening, communication skills, and crisis intervention. The Help Line acts as a support centre that offers anonymous and confidential listening, instead of cheap advice or quick-fix solutions. The Student Help Line is also a referral service for community based social programs, in addition

to providing information regarding on-campus services.

The Help Line is open from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. every day. Hiring of new volunteers will occur throughout the month of September.

If you are interested in joining the Student Help Line as a volunteer, you can pick up an application in the Students' Union office during the first week of classes.

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LESLIE KINSMAN  
CORD FROSH NEWS

Wilfrid Laurier University Foot Patrol is an entirely student run organization whose goal is to ensure that any student has a safe way to where they want to go.

The volunteers are highly visible, and walk in male/female pairs. Each one of us is First Aid and CPR certified, equipped with radios, flashlights, and First Aid equipment. Most importantly, there are one hundred student volunteers who are devoting their time and effort to making you feel comfortable at

night. We will take you to and from campus, or even between locations off campus in a friendly and reliable manner.

Many students use Foot Patrol. Last year we walked 3100 people home. This makes us the most active walk-home program run by any university in all of Canada (not bad for such a small school). Foot Patrol has been a part of every Laurier student's life for the past four years. We hope that you, as incoming students, will take full advantage of the program by not only using it, but also by joining the

organization.

We will be doing a hiring run for first year students in the middle of the fall semester. We encourage you to look into it.

We have lots of fun, and as students, getting involved makes us able to put something back into both the school and the community that we call home for three or four years.

You will certainly see us during Orientation Week in September. Just look for the blue and gold shirts.



## Bacchus

CRAIG MOFFATT  
CORD FROSH NEWS

Say the words "University social life" and most people immediately ponder up images of drinking and bars. I would be misleading you by telling you that the social lifestyle here at Laurier does not involve drinking and bars, because it does. However, there are many other aspects to the social atmosphere here at Laurier that involve activities with no relation to drinking at all.

Some of you may be expecting to come to Laurier to find a social atmosphere similar to the atmosphere portrayed in "Animal House", an atmosphere where drinking is the number one priority and everything else including classes comes second. Although this is a path that you could choose, most Laurier students do not because it ultimately leads to a very expensive and quick Christmas graduation from Laurier. In reality, the best opportunities for you to meet new people and experience Laurier occurs outside of the classroom and away from the bars.

For some of you, the place to meet new friends will be in residence through activities that are organized by your dons. Residence life is one of the most memorable experiences you will have your lifetime and since you only get one year to experience it, make the most of it.

The second place for you to meet new people is to get involved as a volunteer on campus. The Students' Union has many opportunities for you to volunteer throughout your time at Laurier. In fact, some of the organizations within the Students' Union such as Foot Patrol, BACCHUS, and Laurier Students' for Literacy specifically set aside some volunteer spots for first year students. You can also choose to become a member of one

of Laurier's 60+ campus clubs which appeal to a wide variety of interests. Almost half of Laurier's undergraduate student population belong to one or more campus clubs.

You can also choose to write for the Cord about things happening around campus, or a topic that you have a particular interest in. Finally, you can become involved in athletics at Laurier.

Becoming involved in athletics at Laurier does not necessarily mean that you have to be a Varsity athlete because Laurier offers many recreational intramural sports.

Although there are many options for you to consider outside of drinking and bars, ultimately you will have to make the choice about how much of your social time you allot to drinking, if you choose to drink.

Orientation Week will provide you with your first glimpse of Laurier, and will be your first opportunity to decide what place alcohol will have in your social life. Your decision to drink responsibly begins here because O-Week is not just about drinking, it is about meeting new people and friends.

There are many Laurier students that make the decision to drink, however, most of these students drink responsibly, which means drinking in moderation, knowing their own limit, and knowing when to stop drinking.

I am one of those Laurier students that has made the decision to drink, however I make sure that drinking does not dominate my time here at Laurier, and I make sure that when I do drink I remain in control and my intelligence does not disappear as soon as I take hold of a beer or a drink. I wish you the best of luck entering Laurier because I know that you will have some of the best experiences of your life here at Laurier.



## Legal Resources

JOE HOLTZ  
CORD FROSH NEWS

Legal Resources is one of several services that are offered throughout the academic year by the Students' Union. The department is staffed by specially trained student volunteers who are hired early in the fall term. Legal Resources will answer questions

concerning rental housing. However, referrals are often by Legal Resources is free, confidential and very helpful.

Legal Resources also runs several events throughout the year. Guest speakers provide insight into the legal profession, mock Law School Admission Tests provide practice for the real LSAT, and

housing seminars are offered to students when the time comes to look for off-campus housing.

If you have any legal questions feel free to drop into Legal Resources office on the third floor of the Students' Union Building from 10 to 5.30 Monday to Thursday, and from 10 to 2.30 Fridays.



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**MELANIE SEAL**  
CORD FROSH NEWS

Right about now you're tackling the tough decision of whether to go with the \$2172 meal plan, or the luxury \$2494 meal plan. What's the food like at Laurier anyway? Well, despite what you've heard about university food and cafeterias, Laurier is pretty well equipped in the mow-down department. The jokes fly not about how bad the food is, but rather how to fight off the frosh fifteen one inevitably gains.

Basically, the meal card is broken down into two sections: Prime and Alternative Dollars. Prime dollars can be used at the Dining Hall, the Food Court and the Science Building's Second Cup; whereas Alternative Dollars can be used at Wilf's, Concourse's Second Cup, Domino's Pizza (after 7 p.m. and weekends) and Swiss Chalet (7 to 10 pm - Monday to Friday, and weekends).

What are these places like to eat at? What is your sole food source going to be like for the next eight months. Before you plunk your money down, strap the feed bag on, and hand your tummies over to the fate of Laurier's Food Services, we'll tell you what the food is really like.

### The Dining Hall

This is your typical cafeteria feeding area, with a small twist. To the one side of the Dining Hall is a

glass solarium which can provide sunlight for the Vitamin D deprived, and make that dining experience a little more romantic at night. The food available can range from world famous chicken burgers to roast beef and mashed potatoes. A deli counter is also in this cafeteria, so lunch time can consist of yummy sandwiches.

### The Food Court

Ah, fast food. This baby is WLUSU's latest invention to ensure the girths of Laurier students are tight. The area is completely new, and has been criticized by some as looking like a mall (it's a food court, people - what did you expect?). Here there are vendors such as A&W, Domino's Pizza, Mr. Submarine, and Food for Thought. Food for Thought is a Food Services creation which offers pasta, soup, salad, and sandwiches. You know the others well enough, and will return to them again and again. For a quick bite of fast food, nothing is better between classes.

### The Second Cup

If you don't yet appreciate a great cup of coffee or hot chocolate, you will. Mid terms, essays and a steaming cup of coffee seem to be synonymous with being a student. Laurier breathed a sigh of relief when these little venues started accepting meal cards.

The Second Cup in the Science

Building offers soup and salads, and is considered part of your "prime" dollars, whereas the Second Cup in the concourse, with its tasty treats, is on the Alternative menu

### Wilf's

This is Laurier's own student pub. You will come to know it well. A great place to get a huge steak, a milkshake, a large sundae, and have all the food brought to you. Although you don't have to stand in line cafeteria style, be warned. This

place is considered "Alternative Dollars" also. Sometimes, you need a nice night in a restaurant. And no, drinks are not covered on your "meal" card.

### Domino's

Not only is this puppy available in the Food Court, you can also have it delivered. Pizza parties will become a big part of residence life, however only two meal cards can be put onto one order. And of course, you can't tip with your meal card.

### Swiss Chalet

This is the latest addition to the Laurier Meal Card. Boy, Rotisserie chicken on a Sunday night, what is more like home? Most of us have been to the Chalet, and know how succulent a meal this can be. Your card can be used for delivery only - what a bummer, you don't have to walk anywhere. Your order can be a maximum \$30. That's a lot of chicken. I wonder if they bring those nifty finger bowls...



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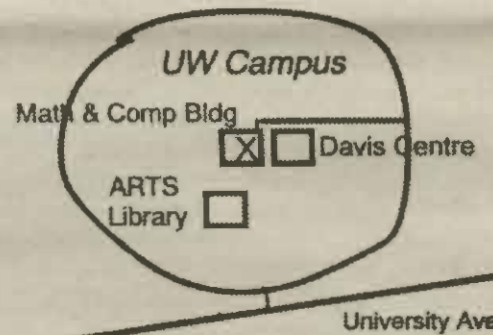
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### Editorial

## These truly are the best years of your life

Okay, so you're looking through this paper - which has been printed just for you- and you're wondering what Laurier holds for you.

Probably, right now you're sweating it out at some full-time summer job that you hate, saving desperately for your first year away from home. Everyone around you is telling you how successful you'll be, and that you'll love university. A few may even have tossed the old cliché at you "these are the best years of your life". As cheesy as it sounds, you will come to realize that this is the truth.

Your introduction to Laurier, its Orientation week, will show you the fun loving spirit that so many have here. Your exhausted ice breakers, with scratchy throats from screaming cheers may seem a little odd at first, but their enthusiasm is catchy. Remember something though: those ice breakers, BACCHUS members, and Emergency Response Team members are volunteers - they are doing this because they want to make your week better.

I was told in my first year at Laurier that you get out of your university experience what you put into it. I started writing for the Cord at the end of my first year, in the Entertainment section. I was a little intimidated about coming up to the offices, but I found that the hardest step was walking in the door. Three years later, I'm getting used to being the Cord's Editor-in-Chief. Because of my volunteer experience, I met more people than ever, and made lasting friendships with people in influential places.

The job market is changing and more competitive than ever. While your university degree is valuable, classroom hours are only a proportion of university life. Potential employers are now looking at extra curricular activities and involvement as a means by which to measure the individual, rather than basing their hiring policies solely on marks. Many former Cordies have told me that they have gotten their jobs by the *experiences* they have had in their volunteer work, more important to employers than what the focus of their degree has been.

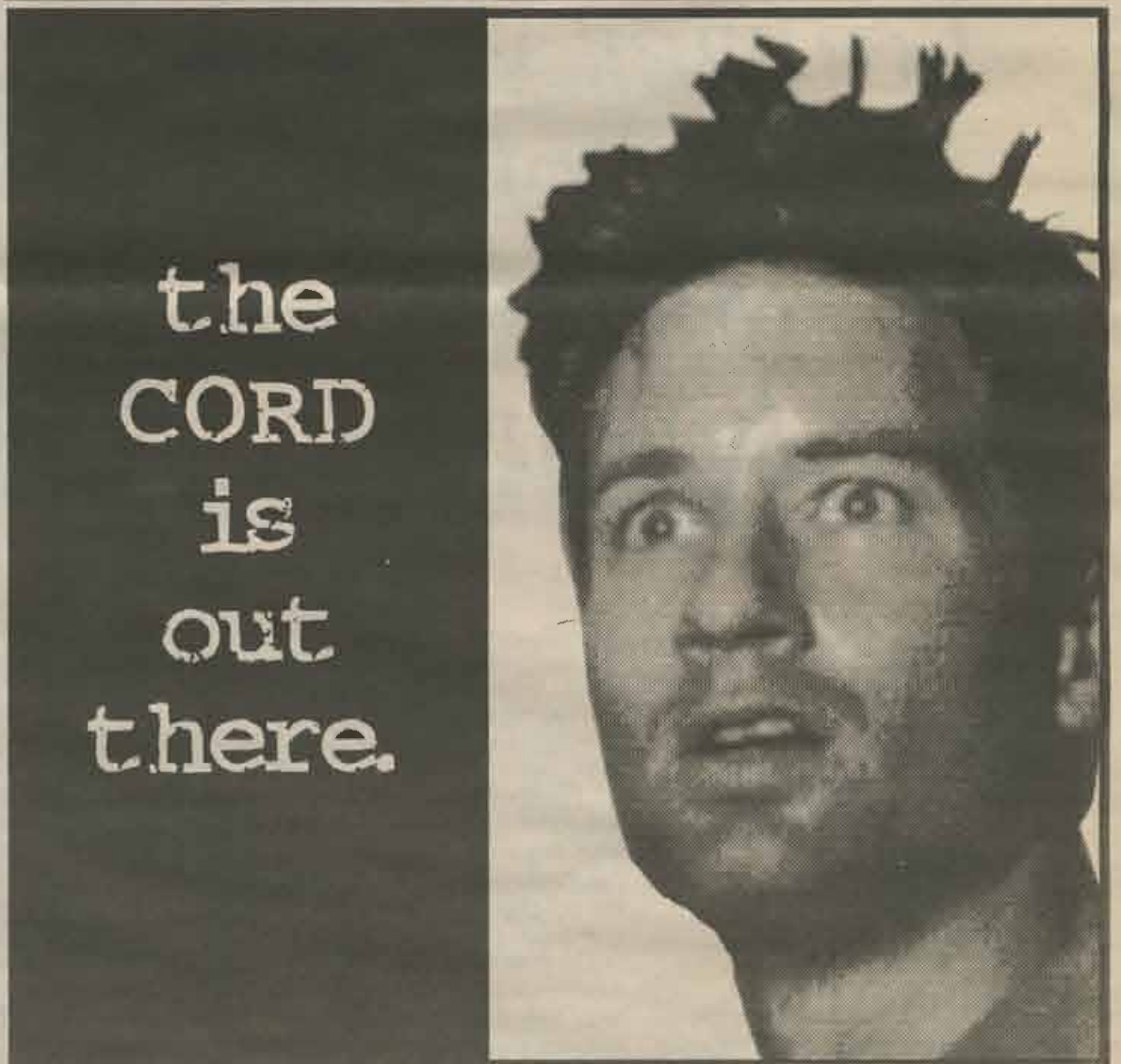
There are many clubs on campus which will allow you to get involved in the Laurier community. The Cord, Student Publications and the Students' Union hold over a few positions for fall hiring to give frosh a chance to get involved.

Drinking, dancing and meeting the abundance of members of the opposite sex is a great way to spend the year, but to really become a part of the Laurier community, jump right in and give volunteering a try. Experiment in different groups, or clubs. Getting involved in the school is a great way to get more out of your university experience.

Another pathetic cliché, but equally true, "all work and no play makes Jack a very dull boy". Join those things that interest you. Go for it. Although your parents may believe otherwise, you can not live by books alone.

### Editorial by Melanie Seal, Editor-in-Chief

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# Faces Around Laurier

*Welcoming messages from some Laurier VIPs you should get to know*



**Fred Nichols**  
Dean of Students

*Dear Frosh Parents:*

I thought you might like to hear that you too have an interest in Wilfrid Laurier University now that you have a son or daughter here. I am Dean of Students, I have been for thirty-three years now, and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and sharing good and bad times with the young people who have chosen to come here for their formal education.

As you know, the actual classroom time is only one part of their education. Another important part of learning, when leaving home, is the adjustment to accomplishing what they set out to do. You hear all kinds of rumours about the wild student life on university campuses - but don't believe most of it.

Sure, we have fun, and once in a while do something careless or irresponsible that we wouldn't do at home, but that's all part of the learning experience. You can be sure, however, that the health, security and safety of our students is a major concern of my staff.

One thing I tell all students is: "Bring with you the same manners and standards of behaviour you are accustomed to at home, they are most useful at the university." I'm sure you tell them the same thing. I have found that I get to meet most students while they are here and I can honestly say that 99 percent of them are mature, excel and develop those finer characteristics expected of university men and women.

The main reason I am writing is to introduce myself in the hope that, as parents, we might have the occasion to meet sometime and compare ideas as to what our university is all about. You must have concerns about living arrangements, rules governing student life, problems on campus, health care, counseling, or finance. You may want to talk about the many services and activities that make us so proud of our small and personal university.

I would welcome a visit or a telephone call at any time and would surely like to get to know you. I have a very open relationship with students, and as a parent myself I know how important it is to know someone at the school who can be trusted, open and honest with me.

I will be available on Labour Day, Monday, September 2nd. Please make a point of saying hello. If by chance I don't see you then, I would welcome an appointment at your convenience.

*Sincerely,*  
Fred Nichols, Dean of Students



**Lorna Marsden**  
President,  
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Welcome to Wilfrid Laurier University! You have chosen a University that will be a part of your life forever and we have chosen you as someone who we want to be part of our community.

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Laurier is part of the Kitchener-Waterloo community. You will serve as a volunteer in one way or another in the city; you will meet friends, go to concerts, use the sports facilities, give business to many shops and restaurants. You are a presence here in Waterloo and we are proud to be part of a great and welcoming community.

Laurier has tremendous spirit. Look at the Wall of Memories in the SUB; be part of home-coming and talk with the alumni; come to a game and hear the cheers; watch the talent in the classrooms, concert hall, and all over campus.

Be proud of the institution that was founded in 1911 and has evolved into the University we are today.

I look forward to meeting you working with you to fulfill your goals and build our strength. The first term is often the toughest so good luck and cheer.



**Joel Lynn**  
President,  
WLU  
Students'  
Union

Greetings to the frosh of 1996. My name is Joel Lynn, and on behalf of the Students' Union (WLUSU), I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you as a student of Wilfrid Laurier University. Consider yourself a "Golden Hawk" and enjoy the energy and atmosphere that makes our school spirit the best in the country.

I am your elected Student Union President for 1996-97. When you become a student at Laurier, you become a shareholder of an organization that is owned and managed by the undergraduate student body. With an operating budget that will approach \$4 million in size for 1996-97, WLUSU functions as a unique combination of business enterprise and student government.

With over 500 student volunteer opportunities and 150 student employment opportunities, WLUSU is an organization that exists on the contributions and commitments of our active student community.

Your Student Union executive, with the guidance of your elected Board of Directors, is responsible for the success of your "profit centres" including Wilf's, The Turret, and the Centre Spot. Think about the business operations of WLUSU in this respect: you buy beer and wings in Wilf's, we reinvest the earnings in student services such as Foot Patrol. You shoot a game of pool and enjoy a Mike's Hard Lemonade in The Turret, we reinvest the earnings in funding for campus clubs. These are my favourite practices...oops...I mean examples...but you

get the idea...!

We recently completed a \$4.1 million expansion and renovation to the Student Union Building, made possible by our successful business ventures and a commitment to responsible budgeting. The project was also made possible by a substantial financial commitment from students in support of a variety of improvements to campus life, including our re-vamped student centre.

Turning the political side of our operations, I am also responsible for ensuring that our undergraduate voice is adequately represented on all areas of governance in our University community. WLUSU is recognized by our University administration as the official voice of undergraduate students. I work on your behalf on a regular basis, to facilitate this relationship.

There are many things we wish to accomplish in the upcoming year. Your first major exposure to the Students' Union will be orientation week, one of the biggest and best in the country. Take some time during the week to meet with your student government representatives including your Board of Directors and your executive.

We are interested in your comments and ideas. Talk to them about volunteering or working for the Students' Union. I will be looking for a First Year Council in September, a committee that serves as a liaison between my office and the first year student population...lots of fun...! (Applications available in our offices located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union building).

Please, feel free to visit my office. I look forward to meeting you! You are always welcome to hang-out with us, share your concerns, ideas, problems, tasteless jokes, vacation photos, whatever...anytime! It is your organization. I am your employee. I am sincerely interested in hearing what you have to say and I promise to make every attempt to help out where possible.

Once again, welcome. Have a kick-ass frosh week and first year experience...! See you there...!



**George Raptis**  
**Vice President:**  
**University**  
**Affairs, WLU**  
**Students'**  
**Union**

Congratulations on finishing high school and choosing Laurier as your home for the next three, four or even five years. You've made a wise choice, for not only does Laurier offer some of the best academic programs in the country, it is home to the most spirited and proud students...and with good reason. From the minute you arrive to register, or to move into residence, you will notice hundreds of people running around in coloured shirts cheering and yelling. Those people are just a glimpse of the types of students that make Laurier the best university in Canada.

Hi! My name is George Raptis, and I am your elected Vice President: University Affairs in Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union. It is my job to protect your interests both on and off campus. The Department of University Affairs is also responsible for running awareness campaigns on various issues such as safety, sexual equality, environmental issues, health and fitness and so on. In addition, Laurier Students for Literacy (LSFL), and Laurier University Charity Council (LUCK), are both integral parts of how Laurier students help our community.

Full-time students are automatically enrolled in a fantastic health and accident insurance plan. This is a plan that allows students to get 80% discounts off most prescriptions at any drugstore in Canada. In addition, the plan includes out-of-Canada coverage and subsidizes the costs of things like massage,

knee braces and more. You can however, opt-out of this plan if you have proof of other coverage. When you sent in your registration forms, you may have noticed a bright yellow form about the Students' Union Health Plan. Just send this form in with your proof of coverage, and you'll just be covered under your family or work plan.

On a provincial level, Laurier students belong to a group called OUSA, (Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance), along about 110,000 students from other universities. What OUSA does is lobby the provincial government on important issues such as tuition increases, financial aid and the quality of education.

At Laurier, I represent students on a variety of university committees. In order to do that effectively, I need to hear from students. This is why I encourage all of you to come up to the 3rd floor of the Students' Union Building and introduce yourself. Remember, I work for you, so let me know how I can help.

Finally, I can't stress enough how important it is for you to get involved. Whether or not it's with the Students' Union, the Waterbuffaloes, a sports team or in your residence; it's the people here at Laurier that make this campus so special. By getting involved, you have the chance to meet hundreds of new people, help the university and have a good time while you're at it.

So enjoy your stay here at Wilfrid Laurier because you've chosen the best school in Canada. If there is anything we can help you with at the Students' Union, please do not hesitate to call or drop by. You can always reach me at (519) 884-0710 ext. 3335.



**Laurie Legault**  
**President,**  
**WLU Student**  
**Publications**

The paper that you have in your hands is just one of the many products that we at Student Publications distribute to you, the students of Laurier. The Cord is reaching its 70th year of publication, and as we prepare for this anniversary, we are looking for volunteers. Yes, the paper has changed a great deal since the initial paper was published as a booklet to the students at Waterloo College.

In addition to the weekly editions of the Cord (which, coincidentally are given out at Student Prices - free), WLUSP also publishes a yearbook called the Keystone, a student day-planner called the WLUer, and a student phone directory aptly named the Cord Guide to Laurier.

Well, not everything is free. You do have to purchase a Keystone if you want one, and they will be for sale throughout the fall and winter terms. The Keystone includes a large section devoted to residences, so you and your floormates are bound to be in there somewhere. Of course, it also includes features on Frosh week, sports teams, winter carnival, and just about anything else that goes throughout the year.

Everything else is free. The Cord comes out every Wednesday except at Christmas, Reading Week and Final Exams. Being the only student paper at Laurier, it's the place to go to find the latest in news, sports, entertainment, and commentary. Cords are available all over campus, and we have a feedback booth in the concourse on Thursdays where you can pick up your paper and meet members of the lovely Editorial staff at the same time.

Staying on track of deadlines and keeping organized at Laurier can be difficult at the best of times, and the WLUer is our way of helping you out. It's perfect for keeping track of due dates, reading requirements, birthdays, phone numbers, class schedules, moon patterns, etc. You should receive your own copy in your frosh kit when you arrive at Orientation Week.

Laurier may be a small campus with a relatively small population, but that still adds up to a lot of phone numbers. The Cord Guide provides you with a phone directory of all students at Laurier, as well as listings for other important off-campus establishments. Not just the bars, I might add.

Student Publications is an entirely student-run corporation. That means we could use your help putting all of these things together. You can take photos, or write stories, do layout and design, sell ads, give inspirational speeches, redecorate the offices, or whatever. Whether you've got the skills and experience now or if you want to learn them here, come on up to our offices on the third floor of the Student Union Building and say hello.

Welcome to Laurier, have a fabulous year.

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# Long distance relationships

MELANIE SEAL

CORD FROSH STUDENT LIFE

Okay, I'm not going to beat around the topic here, I'm just going to say it. Nine and a half times out of ten, long distance relationships don't work. Those high school romances don't often make it past the first month at university. There are a few reasons why the long distance romance doesn't work, but I'll just highlight the most prevailing ones.

## Change

Whether you like it or not, the romance at lunch hour and after school and even all through summer can't withstand a few visits a month, and holidays. The two of you will find yourselves with less and less to talk about. Sure, you'll try to keep him interested in your life, but he really doesn't want to hear about that floor party with the Willison boys. As your Laurier spirit grows you will find yourself talking more and more about things that happen at school.

## Economics (Lack of Change)

Trying to keep in touch can be very costly. The phone bills will soar, even if you do stay up until ungodly hours to talk to one another. As your phone conversations decrease dramatically in interest level, you begin to wonder why you're paying about two hundred dollars a month in phone bills. Often you'll hang up the phone more puzzled than you were before you called.

## The Laurier Catalogue

I'm not going to lie to you, Laurier is a beautiful school filled with beautiful people. At no other time in your life will you have access

to as many people who are intellectually and physically attractive, and whose interests and life goals are similar to your own. Why should you feel guilty about going to the Turret and meeting that cute guy or girl? To fully enjoy the Laurier experience, you don't want any guilt trips.

## Time

A three or four year program on its completion seems as though it has flown by. In "relationship years," three or four years of separation after consistent dating in high school can seem like an eternity. And you do mature, your interests shift, and you find yourself looking for different things in life. Sometimes not moving forward with a relationship is comparable to falling back.

## Heartbreak

The reality is that on my floor during the September of my first year (many, many moons ago), twenty-four out of twenty-eight girls were dating guys back home. For the record, I was a minority. Anyway, in the beginning of October, six were still dating their guys. The others had either moved on to greener Laurier pastures, or given up in despair. It really was a struggle, but two girls from that floor are now engaged to their original boyfriends. The rest have all broken up, graduated, moved on.

The moral of the story is not to show up on Laurier's doorstep completely committed to a relationship. It may not withstand the test of time. Be realistic. Enjoy every aspect of Laurier, both its academic and social spheres.

Even in the first week, you'll meet people who catch your eye



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# The quick and dirty of being underage - and still having fun

ANN-MARIE SMITH

CORD FROSH STUDENT LIFE

So, you're underage. Regardless of what you may think, there is life before 19.

I know, I've been there and so have many others. In fact, in my first year, 55% of us were underage. The trick to being underage is remembering a few things.

## You're not alone

So, you're out with your friends and you feel like a moron because everyone else has a drink in their hands and you don't. You think everyone is noticing that you're not drinking. Nope. It's a lot easier to spot a drinker in a non-drinking crowd than a non-drinker in a drinking crowd. So relax. You're there to have a good time so have fun. And, if you're still self-conscious

grab a coke, pour it in a glass and no one will know the difference.

## Get out

Don't stay at home wishing you were born earlier - go out! Because there are so many incoming underage first years, the organizers of Orientation week have to cater to you. They have arranged with some of the local bars and clubs to allow you in during this special time. In

return you must promise not to drink on their premises. WLU provides of-age bands to those who can drink and also has older student volunteers 'watching' to make sure you don't sneak a drink. It's important that you experience these bars then because after O'week you won't be allowed without valid identification.

## Fake I.D.

(How could I not address the issue?)

So, you're cool, you're ready to party, you've got a fake I.D. that says you're from New York or you've borrowed your friend-who-looks-like-you's driver's license. Go ahead, use it - if you're ready to take the risk and accept the consequences should you get caught.

If someone calls you on your I.D. they could seize it (therefore, pissing off that friend of yours), they could charge you with an underage drinking fine that runs over \$100 or if you use it on campus, you can be kicked out of the bar until a year after your 19th birthday, and you will have to go in front of the Dean's Advisory Council, a peer disciplinary committee at Laurier.

## Wristband Policy

This is the policy that WLU has for its underage students. You may dance up a storm at the Turret, listen to groovy tunes at Wilf's or attend any UW pub any time you want.

For this privilege, you are

banded, stamped, made to sign a waiver form and told to return at the end of the night to pick up your student I.D. card (so they can check your state). Soon you will be used to it and it won't seem like much of a payment for the chance to party, risk free, with your friends.

## Go ahead, drink

You're now officially on your own. If have your own place, you are "allowed" to drink there. If you want, frequent the house keg parties. Go ahead, indulge.

The key is not to overindulge and to be responsible. If you choose not to drink don't let others pressure you into making an unwanted decision for you. If you choose to drink, be careful. Set a limit. Eat (please! If not for you but for the sanity of your Don) before you go out. Don't mix your drinks (unless you like to dry heave).

All in all, you will have a fabulous first year whether you're underage or not. The truth is that if you're underage you will save a ton of money, probably keep off the famous "frosh fifteen," and have a few less headaches in the morning.

You may get tired of babysitting your floormates, but soon enough your birthday will come, they will take you out, and you too can act as stupid as them.

Until then, have fun and be careful. You're gonna have a blast!

## Student Budget Menu

# Cheesy Tuna Casserole

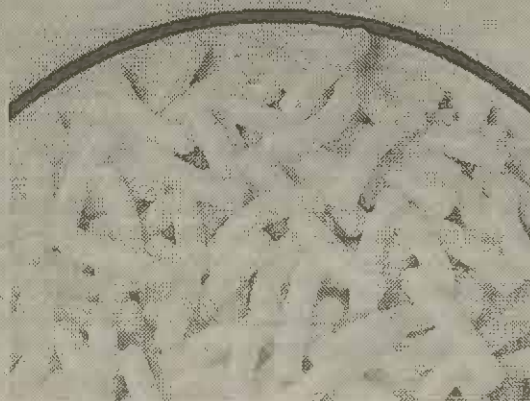
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- 1 box Kraft Dinner
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1 can tuna, drained
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 to 1 cup grated cheddar cheese

Prepare Kraft Dinner according to directions, using milk and margarine. Add tuna and mushroom soup; stir well. Place in an oven-proof casserole dish. Sprinkle with grated cheese and bake at 350 F until cheese is bubbly.

Serve with a garden salad and rolls, if desired.





# Frosh '96 Wing Roundup



**ALLISON HAKOMAKI  
AND JAMES EATON**

CORD FROSH STUDENT LIFE

The following has been written to help the new students of WLU acquaint themselves with several of the more popular local wing establishments.

Given the authors' four years of wing eating experience in Waterloo, it was only natural to want to share the knowledge. Look for the **Weekly Wing Roundup** to continue in the fall. Please note that the editors of the Cord take no responsibility for the opinions expressed in this article.

[FYI: **Drink count** is the number of non-alcoholic refills served during the meal. **Body Count** is the number of people, to our knowledge, who have gotten food poisoning from the restaurants wings.]

**Wilf's**

*On campus*

Laurier's own campus pub now offers an expanded menu including what else ... wings. The wings are okay, but your best bet would be to wait for wing-nights to try for yourself. Wilf's also offers good service (Allison works there), and NTN to complete the wings experience.  
*Drink Count: 0 and 0 Body Count: 0*

**Morty's**

*Across from the Athletic Complex on King St.*

If you like wings, the size of your own arm, and really slow service, Morty's is the place for you. Be sure to visit this traditional off-campus bar just for experience. Check out the large sign out front for weekly food specials and come early to avoid long waits. Although Morty's unique style of wings are not for all tastes, it's worth the trip to make up your own mind.

*Drink Count: 0 and 0 Body Count: 1*

**Barley Works/Heuther Hotel**

*Down King St. past Bridgeport*

A great atmosphere to grab some wings, however make sure you know where you are going once you get inside. This old hotel is part bar, part restaurant, and part ripper.

so one wrong turn and you might be in for a shock. The Barley Works has a great patio during nice weather, and they also have NTN.

We ordered a pound of both New York and breaded wings and would rate them as good, but not great (one pound \$4.99, two pounds \$8.39). Allison didn't necessarily like the sauce on the wings, but James liked them. The attitude from the waitress makes us question the service and don't you dare ask for free refills, or a glass of water for that matter.

*Drink Count: 0 and 0 Body Count: 0*

**Loose Change Louie's**

**The Lodge**

*Along University Ave. between WLU and UW*

Consistently the cheapest wings with the best service. Every time we

eat there we are impressed. Not only are the wings consistently good, but there's lots of free refills and friendly staff. Whether it's Louie's or the Lodge, you are likely to become well acquainted with these nearby establishments. Wings are only \$.29 each or there's a 40 wings and a pitcher combo for only \$19.99 any time.

*Drink count: 3 and 2 Body Count: 1*

**The Red Pepper**

*up King St. past Columbia*

The Pepper's wings are very tasty, however there seems to be a lack of consistency in their preparation. Our experience has shown that although two orders of hot wings may be ordered, one will arrive coated in sauce, the other one dry. Be sure to check out their beer/wing combo deals as these are a great value and you can choose between 20 or 40 wings and a pitcher (\$14.99 and \$19.99). The waitstaff are friendly, the service time average, but we are sad to say there's no free refills on pop and the glasses are quite small.

*Drink Count: 0 and 0 Body Count: 0*

## The joys of volunteering Getting involved in the Laurier community means more than going to class

**DEBORAH DOUPE**

CORD FROSH STUDENT LIFE

"If it's the last thing you do, GET INVOLVED! (But it's better if it's the first thing you do.)"

That's what the posters said around Campus when I was a Frosh in September of 1993, and I soon learned that statement couldn't be any CLOSER to the truth.

Laurier's a small school which makes it really easy to get involved. One way is through Campus Clubs. There are a variety of clubs relating to business, politics, religion, courses, music, athletics ... the list goes on and on. You'll be sure to find at least one that appeals to you but if you don't, don't worry, you can start your own.

If you live in residence you can get involved with you house council and the inter-residence council. They plan events for your building and the infamous IRC Formal! Ask you don for details.

The Students' Union has a countless variety of volunteer opportunities to get involved. Especially for FROSH...First Year Council. FYC is a group of first year students who plan events and in general look out for the interests of (you guessed it) first year students. But we can't stop there, there's BACCHUS, Board of Directors, Homecoming, Boar's Head, Charity Ball, Winter Carnival, Fashion Show, Board of Student Activities, Graphic Design, Public Relations, Video Production, Radio Laurier and Laurier Students for Literacy (and that's only naming a few!)

Hey, where are you going? We aren't done yet! Have you ever dreamed of seeing an article or story published with your name on the byline? Are you interested in photography, layout or production? Well Student Publications is for you! WLUSP publishes a weekly student newspaper, The Cord (what you're reading now), and an

awesome yearbook, The Keystone, The WLU'er agenda book and the Cord Guide to Laurier. They're always looking for new vict...oops I mean people so check'em out.

There are Volunteer Opportunities everywhere. University and Senate Committees are always looking for student representatives. It give you a chance to have some input on the way things are run around here.

You're only in first year now but in three or four years you'll be graduating. Then you can get involved with the Alumni Association. However, as a student right now, you can get involved with the STUDENT Alumni Association (SAA). They work to bridge the gap between current students and the over 50,000 Laurier Alumni that are around the world. For more information, contact the SAA at extension 3171.

If you know what interests you, find out what's out there and go for it. You'll meet a variety of people, have a ton of great times and gain valuable experience working with others. Based on my three years here at Laurier I know my volunteer involvement has meant the difference between just earning my degree and getting a REAL education. So for a guaranteed fantastic experience at Laurier, remember my philosophy...VOLUNTEER, IT'S FREE FUN!



AARON HUNTER

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# A look back at First Year

*Everything you wanted to know  
...but were afraid to ask*

## Major pointers about First Year

**LIZ HASTINGS**

**CORD FROSH FEATURES**

There are many "majors" that come to mind when reflecting back on my first year at Wilfrid Laurier University.

To begin, it consisted of major fun, major friends, major papers, major laughs, and eventually choosing a major. For most first year students, the experience away from Mom and Dad is a new and exciting step into adulthood.

Luckily, Laurier has parented thousands of bright young students and is responsible for teaching maturity, as well as the most efficient and effective way to "chug" a beer. First year is also when you learn that sleeping through a morning class (unintentionally) is not the end of the world, and the absent cries from your mother pleading with you to make it to school on time for the morning announcements will eventually become numb to your system.

**No More Allowance**

No parents also means no money, and so begins the adventure into empty wallets as you will learn to live on the penniless plateau that we have all settled on and accepted as home for the following four years.

**Residence**

Residence life is the closest you will get to having your family with you at school. Unless you were raised with 28 brothers or sisters, this will be the first and probably

last time you will live with this number of strangers. These strangers will undoubtedly become your closest and dearest friends. This new lifestyle will open your eyes to all of the worldly events you've been waiting for: 24 hour television marathons, floor parties and rivalries, football cheers, and slumbering in the lounge.

**Something to snack on?**

Okay, so it is not the home cooked meals you've been pampered with the past 19 years, but it is fast and filling, which is really all there is time for. Of course, you'll be coaxed into taking part in midnight pizza "pig-outs", at which time you'll begin to understand the meaning of the term "frosh fifteen"!

**Size Us Up**

Wilfrid Laurier has a wonderful advantage over many other universities. We live together as a small community, encompassing one full block of the larger Waterloo area. Though we have been referred to as the "high school" down the street from that OTHER school, it is our unique small size that keeps the

Laurier population friendly and enthusiastic. With new introductions everyone quickly realizes that they will come across the same smiling faces many times in their university career.

One thing that you should remember about first year is that you are a Golden hawk now, DON'T BE AFRAID TO FLY.

### Vocal Cord

Melanie Seal and Marion Hensel

*What do you remember most about First Year?*



**Alice Mak**  
3rd Year Music  
*The good friends I made ... the partying!*



**Charlie Angelakos**  
Campaign Co-ordinator  
*I remember my mother crying at the front door of Willison.*



**Kelly Bussell**  
Laurier Alum.  
*That one floor party with Mac House - Hallowe'en theme.*



**Mark Richards**  
4.5th Year Business  
*A lot of new friends ... new people.*

# First Year: Once is just fine

SARAH PARKER

CORD FROSH FEATURES

Let me begin by saying that first-year is great. Being a Frosh is fun. But, would I return to first year if I could? No. And let me explain why.

First year serves as a base for your three or four year duration at Laurier. It's a year that allows you to figure out where exactly you fit in while having fun. For example, when you first arrive in September, you'll notice that everybody is extremely friendly and that everyone on your floor wants to be your friend. This is great, if only it could last. After a month or so, certain people will begin to get on your nerves, mid-terms hit, and life, especially in residence, becomes interesting. However, this is when you'll discover who are your real friends, and whether or not you chose the right program. This may sound stressful, and it can be, but counter-balanced with floor parties and other school events, it can be a blast.

So, why then would I not want to be a Frosh again? Well, because with each successive year, university gets better. In second year, you are hopefully in the right program, and you're living with the people that you want to live with. You are no longer stuck with people you'd rather not be near, and liv-

ing off-campus forces you to meet new people. Also, by this time you know your way around campus, plus what to expect and how to handle school work.

The handiness of living on campus is missed, but living off-campus, suddenly the City of Waterloo opens up beyond the borders of Bricker, University Ave., King and Albert Streets.

Of course, if given the chance, there are some things I'd like to go back and do differently in first year. I thought that living in a traditional residence, such as Conrad Hall, would provide me with more opportunities to meet people than Bricker, the apartment style residence, would.

Now that I've met people while in second year who have lived in Bricker and loved it, part of me wishes I had chosen to live in Bricker. Or, I wish that I had taken a political science or a history elective rather than psychology, or perhaps that I had become more involved.

However, if I had not experienced first year

the way that I did, not only would I have not known what I know now, but I would have found other things to have done differently. And, I think that's the whole point of first year.

Basically, I don't think that it matters where you live or what you take first year; you'll learn a lot from the choices you make and it will be fun

regardless. But no, I would not go back to it all. Being a frosh is just the beginning; the best of times lay waiting ahead.

The first year student is part of many bizarre rituals...



FILE PHOTO

## The best year ever

ANN-MARIE SMITH

CORD FROSH FEATURES

I love Laurier. I have purple and gold flowing through my veins. I never want to leave. Therefore, to be able to go back to first year, with the knowledge I have now, and know that I still had four whole years ahead of me would thrill me.

You see, it is very hard to explain why exactly I love Laurier and even more difficult to promise that you will also fall in love with our little one block square. But you will. You will wear purple and gold as if there were no other colours around, you will be so proud when our athletic teams succeed, you'll go right up to someone at the Toronto train station when you see they are wearing a Laurier jacket and you will cry when you leave Wilfrid Laurier University.

But, given the choice to return to September 1994 and start all over again, I don't know if I would choose it. I like to think that I have grown, matured and become more sophisticated since I've come to Laurier. Okay, maybe not sophisticated, but I have definitely changed; a more independent, thoughtful and interesting person has transpired since I walked onto the Laurier grounds. I don't know if I could give up what I've accomplished at Laurier.

But, I would love to be able to see Laurier through the excited, nervous eyes that arrived on the first day of Orientation week again. I would like to be able to remember what my exact first impressions were of the campus and see how right or wrong, smart or stupid I was. Hindsight is always 20-20.

Perhaps, that is why I am so intrigued and excited about returning to residence this fall - but this time as a Don. I will experience all the trials, traumas and tribulations of first year but, through the students on my floor.

First year will be amazing. But, so is every other year - as far as I know. This reminds me of my mother. That is, every year she says "This is the best Christmas tree we've ever had!" True enough, the same thing can be said about Laurier, each year is "the best year you've ever had". At such a friendly, happy, fun school like Laurier - every year is better than the last.

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# Varsity sports review



Laurier's Women's Soccer team was '94 and '95 CIAU champions.

## GREG CHOWNYK

CORD FROSH SPORTS

An exciting and interesting part of life at Laurier is the school's long standing tradition in varsity athletics. For years, the Golden Hawks have been well represented by outstanding male and female athletes who compete against other Canadian university athletes.

At the provincial level, the men compete in the Ontario Universities Athletic Association (OUAA), while the women's teams play in the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association (OWIAA). These two leagues, along with similar ones in the western and eastern provinces, make up what is known as the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU).

Laurier's athletes have successful results at both the provincial and national levels, especially in recent years. The upcoming school year should be no different. Here is a quick little review of the different varsity teams that represent Laurier. Look for more in depth looks at each squad in this paper as the year progresses.

### Football

Probably the school's most successful team over the years, the Golden Hawk football program is

one that is well respected and admired. Head coach Rick Zrnich is coming off a year that saw his team go undefeated in the regular season. Unfortunately, the team lost to Western in the Yates Cup, the OUAA final, for the second consecutive year.

Despite that, the team looks strong this year with virtually the entire offense returning. Leading the offense will be fifth year QB Kevin McDonald, last year's OUAA Rookie of the Year Corey Grant and slotback Zach Treanor, who last season was an OUAA first team All-Star. On defense, safety Rob Symons and linebacker Rob Allen return to anchor what was the best defense in the league last season.

The team begins their run at the Vanier Cup when the season gets underway in September.

### Women's Soccer

This squad is coming off a dream season, in which they were by far the most successful Laurier squad this past year. Not only did they win the OWIAA title, but were also successful in bringing home the CIAU championship last November. It was the team's second national title in four years.

The team is led by head coach Barry MacLean, who hopes to enjoy some similar results this year

despite losing 1995 CIAU Player of the Year, Gigi Cigini, to graduation. The squad does have a great deal of young talent returning this season. Lorraine Hodds, who as a rookie last season, was an OWIAA All-Star as well as a second team All-Canadian.

The team opens training camp in August, with the season beginning early in September.

### Men's Soccer

Barry MacLean is also the who oversees the men's soccer program at Laurier. Last season the team clinched a playoff berth, only to lose a heartbreaker to Western in the OUAA West Division semi final. The Hawks pushed the game into extra time, but ended up on the short end of a 2-1 score.

Despite losing some players to graduation, MacLean and his boys hope to return to the playoffs next season with the intentions to reverse last year's result.

### Men's Hockey

After many years of always being in contention for the division title, coach Wayne Gowing and his team stumbled on hard times this season. The departure of some quality veterans left the team thin on talent and inexperienced. The end result was very disappointing season which ended with the hawks out of the playoffs.

However, the team did improve as the year progressed and if Gowing is able to attract some good recruits, the Hawks should be in the hunt for that playoff spot that eluded them last season.

### Women's Hockey

The team enjoyed a successful season last year as the ladies were able to capture the bronze medal at the OWIAA championships. Up front, the team is led by Amy Turek, who was a OWIAA first team All-Star. She won the league scoring title two years ago and was third in scoring last season. Cheryl Pounder will return for her second season to lead the defence after being named to the OWIAA second team All-Stars as a rookie. Pounder was also a member of the 1994 National team that won the World Championships.

### Men's Basketball

Before this past season began, there was speculation that this squad could be this program's most successful team in over a decade. However when the season ended, the Hawks were well out of a playoff spot and in last place. A number of last year's players were in fourth

year and it remains to be seen if any of them will return for a fifth year under coach Gary Jefferies. The team did have a few rookies last year, namely Corwin Troje and Mike Grozelle, who showed some flashes of talent. Along with sharp shooter Peter Kratz, they should help the Hawks in what likely will be a rebuilding year.

### Women's Basketball

This past season saw the team in the playoffs for the first time since 1989, only to lose in the first round. The team finished the season with a 6-8 record which was good for fourth place in the OWIAA West Division.

Forward Sarah Collins, an OWIAA West Division All-Star, Audrey Kaersenhout and Brenda Vrkljan all had exceptional seasons, as did interim head coach Tom O'Brien. O'Brien was named Coach of the Year in the division. Unfortunately, he will not be at the helm this season as Sue Lindley returns from sabbatical. Being a relatively young team and providing they all return, the Hawks should be able to make a return visit to the playoffs this season.

### Swimming

This group did enjoy some success this year, especially on the women's side. Carolyn Gilbert won three gold medals at the OWIAA championships and brought home

two bronze from the CIAU championships. Sue Miller also had a good season winning a silver at the OWIAA's and competed at the CIAU's, despite fighting injuries and illness much of the year. Newcomer Jennifer Parwicki also swam with Miller and Gilbert at the nationals. The team managed a fifth place finish at the OWIAA's and an eleventh place at the CIAU's.

On the men's side the lone bright spot was Tom Fuke, who in his first year was the only male to qualify for the CIAU's. Fuke along with Miller and Gilbert also competed in the Olympic trials this past April.

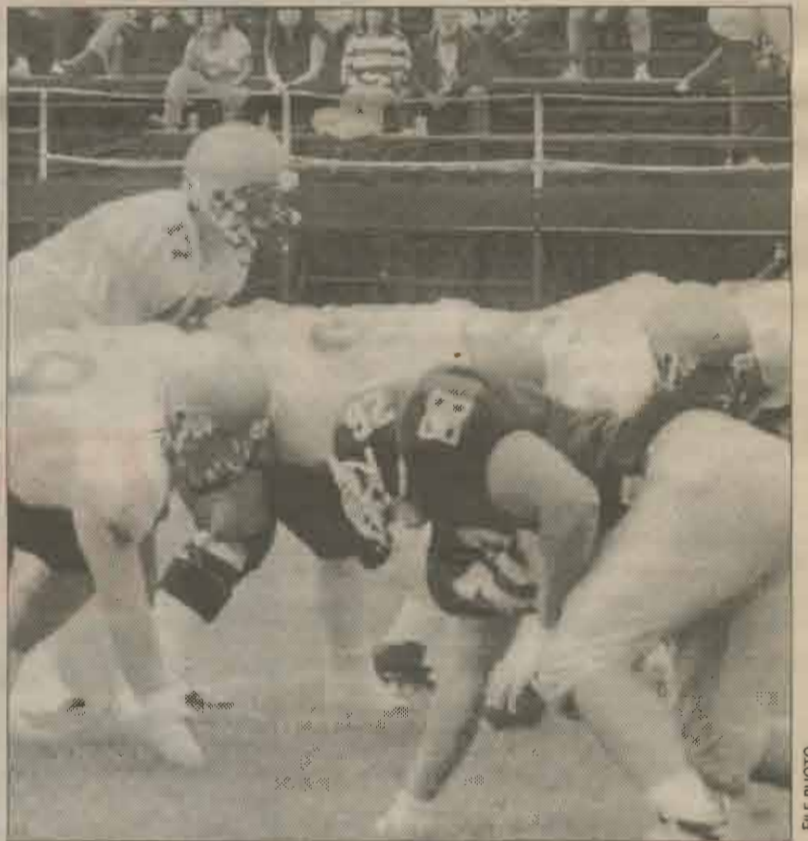
### Men's Volleyball

The team didn't fair too well in league play, but enjoyed some tournament success including a consolation championship in New York. Kevin Shonk led the team and was near the top of the division in total points.

### Women's Volleyball

Coach Cookie Leach and her team saw their playoff hopes crumble in the last week of the season and finished sixth in their division. The team posted a 6-8 record which is three wins better than the previous year.

Also competing for the school are **Women's Tennis, Men's Rugby, Curling** and the always energetic **WLU Cheerleading** squad.



Both Laurier's football team and its fans are legendary.

# Sports: The intramural way

## GREG CHOWNYK

CORD FROSH SPORTS

Just because you are not playing a varsity sport at Laurier doesn't mean your athletic career has come to an end. Intramural sports offer the students a chance to play their chosen game against their fellow students.

There are various leagues from which you can choose.

Touch football on the turf at University Stadium, ice hockey, bas-

ketball and badminton are just a few examples of the sports offered in intramurals. Most of these leagues are generally fairly competitive. After the season is over, playoffs begin and in the end there is a champion crowned for each sport.

Also, some sports offer more than one league as players are divided by skill level, so even if there you not all that talented you can still get involved and play.

Intramurals are a great

extracurricular activity that is only are fun, but helps keep off the dreaded 'frosh fifteen' (see previous article). The leagues usually will run one night a week with the games beginning at or around seven o'clock.

Perhaps the best thing about getting involved in intramurals is that you and all your friends can sign up on a team together. If all your floor-mates get together and play against other floors, a fun, yet competitive

rivalry can be born.

No need to worry though, if you can't get together a team, you can sign up individually and you will be placed on a team. This can have its benefits as it is a good opportunity to meet some new people.

Information regarding intramural sports will be available in the Athletic Complex, probably the day you arrive at Laurier.

The best thing to do if interested is to get this information right away

as the fall schedule begins during the first few weeks of school and you do not want to miss out on signing up.

So what ever your sport may be, whether you are skilled at it or not doesn't matter.

Intramurals at Laurier will have something for you. Not only are they fun and a great way to stay in shape, but they are a great way to relieve that exam stress you will all come to love.

# Dealing with the Frosh 15

**JIM DONNELLY**

**CORD FROSH SPORTS**

So you decided to come to Laurier, did you? Good for you!

Now that you've made the Big Choice, the Choice of a Lifetime, the choice that the rest of your life and the fate of the world has been hanging on these past few months, there's some things you should know about university and, particularly, life at Laurier.

There have probably been a lot of people coming in and out of your life lately that have been saying things about university, such as "It's a lot of work, you know," or "There's more beer than you ever thought possible," or "You're going to gain 15 pounds, you know."

Well, let's just get the formalities out of the way by saying that every one of these statements is true. It is

a lot of work, there is a lot of beer, and you will gain weight, and there is not a thing you can say or do to prevent it.

Well, maybe that was a little too dramatic. You can control how much weight you gain, but in order to do this, a little discipline is needed. You could just pass it off as the sacrifice of good education and lie to yourself about how it's an inevitability that can't be avoided. Or, you could take advantage of the many athletic facilities at Laurier that you are paying for.

The most obvious choice, the Athletic Complex (A.C.), offers a wide variety of ways to stay in shape when you're not hitting the books or clowning around with your floor-mates in residence. First off there's a weight room, which is admittedly a little primitive for a school that

prides itself on athletics. Most of the equipment actually works though, and if you're dedicated enough it will do the job just fine.

If you are not the weight lifting kind of person, then there are other options. If you have a racket, the squash courts are almost always available for use. There's even a recreational squash ladder for those that consider themselves something of a player.

For you watery types, there's the Olympic size swimming pool. I'm not even going to elaborate on that. It's a pool.

Finally, there's the gymnasium where most of you frosh are going to be rocking and rolling during your first big week. You can do just about anything in there from basketball to volleyball to most of the intramural sports Laurier has to

offer.

University Stadium, a two minute walk from campus, is also open for student use. Both the field and the gym can be used, only you must call ahead to make sure it is available since it is also used by the community.

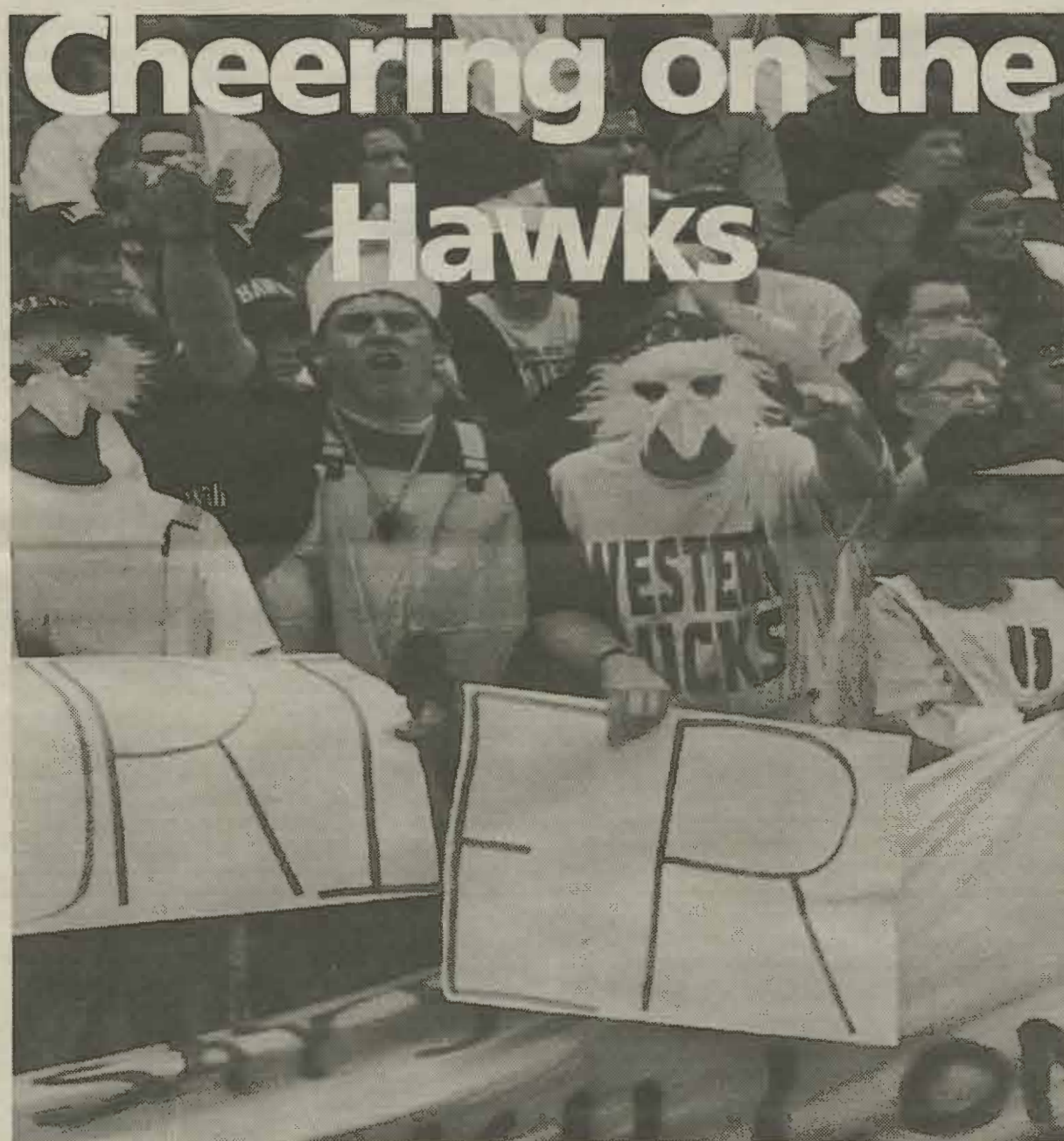
Other options to stay in shape include ball hockey in the parking lots or at the tennis courts on Hazel St. (only a few minutes walk from the school). This is a fantastic way to let out your exam frustrations by beating up your friends.

The hallowed halls of the Dr. Alvin Woods Building also provide excellent areas for sprinting and rollerblading, provided the WLU

security guys don't catch you.

Once the snow comes, the hill into the main parking lot makes a great sled course, if you manage to steal a tray from the cafeteria. Or, for those of you who brought your downhill skis to school, the hill by Alumni Hall provides a relatively steep (but short) run in which to impress your friends or break your leg, whichever comes first.

These are but a few of the many options the first year student has when dealing with the issue of shedding excess pounds. Just remember: it's not inevitable, you can do something about it, and most of it is paid for by you. So why not take advantage of it?



FILE PHOTO

It doesn't have to be Homecoming for Laurier fans to don their funky hawk wear. Purple body paint, gold face paint, and hawk tatoos are seen at football games - the fans have no shame.

**GREG CHOWNYK**

**CORD FROSH SPORTS**

Perhaps some of the most memorable moments of my first year were spent outside at University Stadium and at the infamous Athletic Complex taking in varsity sports action and cheering on the Golden Hawks.

There is nothing quite like going to a game with your face painted, or if you're daring enough, your entire body painted and screaming like a maniac while cheering on the Hawks to victory. It really is a part of university life.

The atmosphere at these games, especially football, is very energetic and upbeat. It is a great way to spend some time away from the books and let off some steam with your friends.

This fine form of entertainment

comes your way at a cheap price, too. Most games have an admission fee of only two dollars, which is probably the best form of entertainment you can get for that price while you are at university. The product is entertaining as you get the opportunity to see some great athletes in competition.

What gets to me is that many of these great athletic performances go unnoticed. Besides football, attendance at university sporting events is terrible. Everyone seems to get pumped for football games, but other sports seem to get ignored, which is usually the case at other universities throughout the country.

I strongly encourage you to check out all of Laurier's varsity teams in action as a first year student. I think

you will be truly amazed at the level of competition these athletes compete at and you will be truly entertained.

When you get out to a game, make it an enjoyable experience for yourself. Scream and cheer until you lose your voice, or until the game is over, whatever comes first. Make up your own cheers or even yell out those same ones your old baseball team used when you were six, it doesn't matter. You'll be surprised at the fun you can have.

Athletics at Laurier is a long standing tradition. Part of this tradition is the fans. So as a first year student you will discover that it is your duty to get out and support the Golden Hawks.

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# With glass in hand...

## The Kitchener-Waterloo bar scene

### DAVE BATEMAN

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When you clue in to life at Laurier, one thing is for certain: after a hard exam, a tough lab, or even just a bad game of Nintendo, you're going to want to go out and blow off some steam. One of the great things about Waterloo is that within close range there are lots of varied and interesting places to go where you can dance, drink, and just generally have fun when you need (or want) to. This town has something for every taste, no matter how diverse, and the good thing is that no matter where you go there are sure to be lots of people there who are also students and looking to have a rocking time.

#### The Bombshelter

Distance: U of W campus, about 15 min. walk

Good Nights: Wednesday - that's it.

Music: Mixture

This U of W campus pub can actually be a great place to hang out and raise hell. Just make sure you don't trip over any of the pathetic U of W students on the way in. It's got everything a bar needs, a big screen TV, lots of tables, pool and a fairly large dance floor. The only problems with the place are that the layout is designed to create little to no traffic flow, so it's hard to move around, and there is only one bar with two bartenders so unless you're at a table you'd better buy two pitchers at a time. The dance floor has a small raised area, which is okay unless it's the end of the night and you manage to get somebody to elbow you in the head because they're moshing too hard. The outside patio is great during the warm times (so about the first two weeks of the school year). A good place to take a group and just hang out where nobody will know you.

#### Club Abstract

Distance: 45 min walk, \$7 cab ride, or bus right down King Street

Good Nights: Wednesday (gothic), Friday (retro 80's)

Music: Heavier alternative Industrial on Gothic night, otherwise mainstream alternative

If you want to see things that you would normally see at the Sanctuary Sex Bar in Toronto, go here on a Wednesday. Actually, strange people aside, this is a very cool bar for two reasons. One is, it has the least attitude of any place I've ever been, and two, they don't allow moshing. When I'm dancing to a cool song the last thing I want is some sweaty idiot slamming into me. Drink prices are reasonable, the decor is really neat, and it has a large floor. People into the alternative scene should check this place out; it's worth the drive. It's not a pickup place, but all the people there are generally friendly and it's easy to make new (and interesting) friends...even with the guys who dress like women.

#### Federation Hall

Distance: Same as Bombshelter, about a 15 min. walk

Good Nights: Depends on what you consider good...

Music: Mixture. Often live bands play here.

This bar has the distinction of being one of the largest campus bars in

Canada. It's just a shame they can't fill it. Another good place to have fun with a group. The great thing about this place is that they always get very good bands to play; usually top Canadian bands, which is a great time because tickets are not expensive and the place is huge. If there isn't a band playing, there's always an interesting mix of music going on. Drawbacks are that it is usually fairly dead, but you can create your own party very easily, being good Laurier students.

#### Loose Change Louie's/Louie's Lodge

Distance: 5 minute walk from campus

Good Nights: \$2 Tuesdays, other-

and good attitude make this place a pleasant experience.

#### Metropolis

Distance: Across from the Lyric, \$10 cab ride

Good Nights: Depends on what music you like

Music: Dance Thursdays, Alternative Fridays

Yet another theatre converted into a bar, this place has a unique style. Drinks are about average price, and there are pool tables downstairs for those who don't want to dance. CFNY from Toronto runs Friday nights here, so they are always good in terms of music. A good place if you want little attitude, since the bar is so dark you won't be able to see

again, and drinks won't break your bankbook. One side is good for sweaty dancing and the other is good for mellowing out, which makes this a really nice place to be no matter what you are in the mood for.

#### Stages/Sammy's Garage

Distance: \$10 cab ride

Good Nights: Fridays...when U.I. comes in

Music: Mixture leaning towards 80's rock

If you're looking to pick up a forty year old, these are the places to go. Sammy's Garage opened recently, and has some pretty cool decor and is large, with a nice dance floor and good prices. Stages is, yes, another

dance floor is always packed, but still a good time. The nicest thing I've found about going to the Turret is that you can walk in and always see a ton of people you know from all over the school, which makes the experiences much better, because even if the music sucks (which it never does) you can get there early and you will be guaranteed a great Laurier experience.

#### The Volcano

Distance: \$10 cab ride, Downtown Kitchener

Good Nights: any after eleven or band night

Music: Heavier alternative

This bar when you first walk in looks like a subterranean cavern. It fits. This is the heavier alternative bar in K-W. I honestly haven't heard of a lot of people who frequent this place, however, they get the best live acts in town in terms of alternative music. Keep your eyes peeled for posters advertising some surprising acts. Sometimes this place gets in rather big names and keeps its low profile, so it can be a good opportunity. Otherwise, it is a good place to dance if you are into heavier alternative. Drink prices are average and there is absolutely no attitude. The type of bar where you could walk in by yourself and no one would look at you funny. However, for the university crowd this is generally the last choice for alternative music, because Phil's is right across the street.

#### Wilf's

Distance: Rock throwing

Good Nights: Usually Wednesdays, but any night is good

Music: Three CD rotation, occasional live bands

Love it. Love the Wilf's. Love it. The other Laurier bar on campus, this is a pub style bar. Lots of tables, lots of friendly faces and lots of great food makes sure that you will be hanging out here very often. During the day you can come here and hang out with a ton of fellow Laurier people. There are pool and air hockey tables and video games for those who shy away from crowds. The Den is a great place to have a private meeting, just book it in advance. The food has improved greatly over previous years, and is very reasonable and varied for any taste. They always have an excellent selection of beer on tap (although they took out the 50...boo hoo) Just a great place to come and hang and meet some people and it is right on campus, so you can stop in anytime you please. They usually get some good bands in on certain nights as well. Underage students are allowed in here as well. If your thing is hanging out with the boys (or girls) and having a few pints while playing NTN, Wilf's is the place for you.

Now that you know the bars out there and the places to be, I would encourage a healthy night life for any student. As a member of BAC-CHUS Laurier, I would also like mention that if you do choose to go out and drink, please do so responsibly. Your Laurier experience in first year will be something you will never forget, so be sure to have fun, take care of your friends, and have a great year!



A pub like Wilf's is for some a perfect way to enjoy "free time".

wise any night is pretty good

Music: Mixture

Restaurant by day, and really hopping joint by night, these two places are joined together and are essentially the same entity. If you want to get into the main part, be sure to go early. Drawbacks are that even though there are two bars in one, they are both small, with tiny dance floors so don't wear anything that sweat won't come out of. Some good local live bands usually play here Sunday nights as well. There are pool tables, and the food is actually good and reasonable. This is a place where you can be sure to run into lots of Laurier students and see people you know in various funny states. Dancing on the barrels is always good fun as well, something everyone has to try once in Waterloo. Just don't tip one over, it can be really embarrassing (trust me, I know).

#### The Lyric

Distance: \$10 cab ride - downtown Kitchener

Good Nights: Saturdays Dance

Music: Dance/techno

Another Toronto bar transplanted to Kitchener, this place used to be a theatre, so it's huge. Lots of room to move around, a massive dance floor and lots of drink specials make this a pretty cool place. Usually a lot of locals go here as well. There is a huge video screen to divert your attention when you aren't watching a thousand people dance to Macarena. Often this place gets some good dance music acts to come down, the type of people you would see performing on Electric Circus often stop here as well. Good layout, always good looking people,

anyone. The first Friday night this place was open, the floor actually broke so that says something about how good a bar it can be.

#### Phil's

Distance: Across the street from the our Athletic Complex

Good Nights: \$1.50 Thursday, Retro 80's Sundays

Music: Alternative (mainstream)

This will fast become a regular hangout for the alternative lovers on campus. In past years this has become a U of W hangout, but it is a great place to get cheap drinks and dance to cool music. Always packed on Thursdays (to the point you can't move), the only real drawback is the small dance floor. This bar has really mellowed out in the last couple of years, so if people tell you horror stories, go and check it out for yourself. Sunday nights are retro 80's, and usually lesser known bands come here to play who always rock because of the small area. You can't beat the location, and they used to have a cage in the back. Nuff said.

#### Revolution/Flying Dog

Distance: 20 minute walk, \$5 cab ride

Good Nights: Thursday, Saturday

Music: Dance mostly, some alternative

This place has been revamped, and looks spectacular. The Flying Dog is the restaurant part with funky purple pool tables and gothic motif. Revolution is a dance club and a visual experience in one. It used to be the Twist, which means that you'll probably be in this place during frosh week at some point. However, unlike the Twist used to be, if you lose your friends you'll probably have a chance to find them

theatre that has been converted into a bar. Stages often gets good shows in, different bands ranging from eighties rock to cover bands to things like bikini contests. The layout makes you feel like a gladiator in an arena, however. The dance floor is lowered into the middle of the bar, with places to stand all around on both levels. Drink prices are reasonable, and they often have specials. Both these places are right around the corner from each other so you can pick and choose, but you will more than likely see an older crowd at either of them. But, if you're looking for someone who was put through school with government money, there are no better places to go.

#### The Turret

Distance: You can throw and hit it from res

Good Nights: There's only two, Thursday and Friday

Music: Thursdays dance, Fridays alternative

If you are in residence, expect to frequent this place about once a week. Laurier's largest campus bar, the Turret, got redone last year and is better than ever. Alternative night was introduced and Friday fast replaced Thursday as the night to be there. Make sure if you go, you go early. I have been there nights at the end of the year when people line up at six o'clock and the doors don't open until 8.

They have cheap drink prices at the beginning of the night, so even if there's no one else there you can still party. The new pool room makes a great place to talk while shooting pool or just to hang out where you can be heard. The

# Head Ice Breaker wisdom

## Blue Team's Top Ten Signs you should have gone to Western

**YVETTE NAGY AND RAHUL RAJ**

BLUE TEAM HEAD ICEBREAKERS

10. Nobody bothers to pass you the basketball because they know it'll just bounce off your accordion.
9. You took your Game Boy to the prom.
8. You try to impress your friends by shouting, "Watch this! You don't need a hammer if you've got a steel plate in your head."
7. You think Thomas Jefferson was "that funny black guy who was married to weezie."
6. You wake up at 4.30 a.m. to get ready for your 8.30 class.
5. You can barely afford tuition after paying for your new wardrobe.
4. You're eagerly awaiting a second year course called, "the bunny and the wolf: hand shadow workshop."
3. You call Time/Life just to hit on Judy the operator.
2. Your idea of community service is helping crack dens take down their storm windows.
1. You respond to every question with "let me talk to the little man who lives in my pants."



## Top Ten Things to Watch Out for During Orientation week '96

**BETH KELLN AND STAN CHANG**

GOLD TEAM HEAD ICEBREAKERS

10. Watchout! You might become human graffiti.
9. The mystery meat in the Cafeteria. Remember that road-kill you passed on the highway?
8. 8.30 a.m. classes. Why?
7. No sleep till Breakfast...all the time!
6. Exotic Beverages. Cool. (ie. Orgasms)
5. Never showering alone.
4. Would you could you in a boat? Would you could you with a goat? Would you could you in the cold? Would you could you be so bold? Would you could be on GOLD?!
3. Secret codes; King RAMSES lost the war to the TROJANS, so protect yourself with SHIELDS, pass it on.
2. Hmmmm....think GOLD!
1. Gold HEAD ice!!!



## Top Ten Ten Questions Asked by First Year Students

**JULIE MCCALLUM AND TIM WALTERS**

GREEN TEAM HEAD ICE BREAKERS

10. Why is Green Team so stacked?
9. Shinerama!!! (You want me to shine your what?)
8. BACCHUS Person: "No listen, if you puke on the bus it'll cost you a hundred." First Yr. Student: "Can I borrow a hun man?"
7. No sleep till breakfast?
6. Do you come here often?
5. What happens, for instance, if I don't quite make the grade point requirements?
4. Is your roommate supposed to share your bed with you?
3. What do you mean I'm kicked out of the bar for a year?
2. When can I get my underwear back?
1. What colour is Incredible Hulk anyways?



## Top Ten Pick up Lines NOT to use during Frosh Week

**GENNY BEAUDOIN AND ROB LEE**

RED TEAM HEAD ICEBREAKERS

10. "How do you feel about me, you, and my sheep Lambchop getting together sometime?"
9. "Not to worry - I used Massengil yesterday!"
8. "Holy! I'm so thirsty right now I could swallow anything!"
7. "Would you like to come back to res. with me - my roommate likes to watch."
6. "Hi there! My back hair is long enough that you could help me braid it!"
5. "I saw you from across the room and thought I should tell you there's something hanging from your nose!"
4. "Have you ever thought of upper lip waxing before?"
3. "Have you put on the Frosh 15 already? That's incredible!"
2. "I'm constipated, would you like to join me for a draft?"
1. "Do you wanna know what my belly button's for? Putting your gam in on the way down."



Rahul and Yvette are Blue leaders (left), while Beth and Stan are Gold Head Ice (above left), Green team has Tim and Julie for Head Ice (above right) and lastly but not least, Red Head Ice are Genny and Rob (right)

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# Quad culture: Quagmire

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Directed by Cynthia Carleton

Quagmire is, according to the University Players, a mystical creature who sows confusion on those hapless souls who enter his realm.

Quagmire, the silent, mischievous creature, claimed the Bricker Quad as his realm for over an hour Thursday and Friday nights, and wreaked havoc on several Shakespearean characters, causing them to be misunderstood, confused, and to spy on each other from behind the trees in the Quad, all in the name of love ... perhaps.

Quagmire, the masked spirit, invisible to all, save the audience, was the linking element to scenes from several Shakespearean comedies, holding court over the lovers from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, as each seems misunderstood as to who was in love with whom, or Sir Toby Belch and his gang from *Twelfth Night*, as they play a trick on the universally unloved Malvolio.

Quagmire, not surprisingly, was also the name of the performance by the University Players, outside in the Bricker Quad.

Beginning with *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, the two lovers



Quagmire is Laurier's University Players' version of Shakespeare in the park

Lysander and Hermia (played by Tom Fuke and Nanci Henderson) wander into the forest, where Lysander announces his undying love to a sceptical Hermia. Under the mischievous gaze of Quagmire (Don Webers), they fall asleep, and then the fun begins. In another scene, Demetrius, (Gord Bolan) proceeds to spy on the two, and then the confusion over who loves whom is established, much to the bewil-

dered delight of the audiences, viewing these scenes without their normal context. No less than four separate scenes were taken from this play, following up on the story of our confused lovers.

No attempt was made for the play to be "historically accurate," reflecting the common trend in Shakespearean performances. This helped add some humorous touches to the play, such as the actors in

*Much Ado About Nothing*, coming into Quagmire's realm, all ready to play a round of golf, or the lovers from the *Dream*, entering the woods with a boom box. What intimate picnic in the woods is complete without some tunes?

At no time was an effort made to let the audience know which scene was taken from which play, but none was needed. Nor was an understanding of Shakespeare needed.

This is in accordance with the wishes of producer Tony Tsai, who wanted to leave his audiences entertained, if a little confused. After all, he points out, this IS about love.

And it is love that provides some of the best scenes. One outstanding scene of the performance came from *Twelfth Night*, where Sir Toby Belch, played by Trevor Elmslle, Hawaiian shirt, lipstick shorts and all, and his buddies, with the aid of Maria (played by Tracey Eccleston) set up the unfortunate and annoying Malvolio (Scott Fairbain), who is harbouring a love for his mistress, Olivia (not seen in this performance). In the honoured tradition of Quagmire, Maria plants a letter for Malvolio to read, who naturally assumes it is written by Olivia for him, and instructs him to behave in

a matter that would make her furious, but he thinks would please her, and... well, you get the idea. Watching him, in another honoured tradition of the evening, is Sir Toby & Company, offering their comments on his self-delusional performance. And watching them all is, of course, our friend Quagmire, immensely enjoying it all.

But the best scene of the evening came out of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Here, Sir Henry Falstaff (played by the physically impressive Daryl Pring), and armed with antlers more in keeping with Bullwinke J. Moose, rather than Hernia the Hunter, as the play suggests. It is love of that gets him in trouble with Mistress Margaret Page (Catrina Shennan) and Mistress Alice Ford (Nanci Henderson). Love of their money, that is, and they set him up in the forest, with a host of fairies, with Quagmire himself casting his mischief all around.

Director Cynthia Carleton mentioned that there were a lot of problems during rehearsal, with changes made up to the last minute. But none of those problems were apparent in this very outstanding and entertaining evening.

# A coffee addict's guide to the campus

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**CORD FROSH STUDENT LIFE**

In my humble opinion, one of the four basic food groups is coffee. It's amazing how versatile a cup of good, hot, black joe, seasoned with cream, milk or sugar, can be. It's even more amazing how several doses of the black elixir help you finish off that essay or article that HAS to be finished the next day.

Yes, I'm a confirmed coffee addict, and proud of it. First-time students may not arrive coffee addicts. They may not leave as coffee addicts either, but that's up to them. However, as I am one, I'd like to offer a thumbnail tour of the Laurier campus, from the point of view of a coffee addict.

First, there are three main sources of on-campus coffee: the Dining Hall, the Second Cup, and machine, evaluated as follows:

**Machine** - Appalling. If you're desperate, try it. Or try heating a cup of water and dipping a brown crayon in it. Tastes the same either way. You'd have to be really addicted to want to try this stuff. Even I haven't sunk this low.

If you're interested, machine coffee is found in places like the Torque Room. At least there used to be one in the Torque room.

**Dining Hall** - It's brewed daily and the prices aren't bad, but it's strictly utilitarian coffee. Nothing fancy, but it'll help you stay awake. It's the kind of coffee you have with breakfast.

Another main source of this utilitarian brew is in the Food Court, found on the first floor of the Student Union building.

**The Second Cup** - Top of the line. Friendly, courteous staff, well-trained in the Brewing Arts will be more than pleased to help you along the path to Caffeine Nirvana. Like any gourmet coffee place, they have a wide choice of various blends.

My personal favourite is the Irish Cream, but first-timers may want to start with something milder, like the Royal Blend. Their perfect muffins and pastries will help you appreciate that hot joe.

The drawback is that it's rather expensive, like any other good gourmet coffee place, but as an old saying goes, "you get what you pay for." Besides, they accept dining cards.

As any number of coffee addicts worth their grounds can tell you, the company you keep is your business. But here are some personal obser-

ventions as to location:

**Concourse:**

At the crossroads of the Arts Building, the Dr. Alvin Woods Building, and the Student Union building. My personal favourite hangout, but then I'm also an enthusiastic people watcher. The nearest coffee is the Second Cup.

**ADVANTAGES:** Centrally located, great place to meet people or keep an eye on the campus. The bookstore and Centre Spot nearby, so it's a great place to grab reading material and read while drinking coffee.

Several events come to the concourse each year, such as the poster sale. A great way to walk, look at outstanding (or amusing) artwork with a coffee in hand.

**DISADVANTAGES:** Can get crowded during class changes. Wooden benches aren't all that hot.

**Food Court:**

First floor of the Student Union building. Another good location to meet and have a coffee. But as the name implies, it's also a good place to meet and have lunch. The coffee is strictly cafeteria.

**ADVANTAGES:** It's a food court.

**DISADVANTAGES:** It's a food court.

**Dining Hall:**

Identical in all ways to the Food Court, except that it's run by Food Services and not different Franchises. The coffee here is also Cafeteria.

**Science Building:**

It's the only place on campus that has indoor trees. It has all the appeal of an open space in any large mall, complete with office windows looking inside. It's a great place to meet people.

The Second Cup here deserves special mention because, in addition to the usual coffees and accompanying companion foods, sandwiches, salads and soups are also served. A great variation from muffins and pastries with which to enjoy the coffee.

**ADVANTAGES:** Convenient for science students. Lots of open spaces, and accompanying tables and chairs.

**DISADVANTAGES:** Somewhat remote from the rest of the campus.

**Peters Building:**

It's been said that business people are driven by coffee. If so, then it's a bonus that there's a Second Cup in the central foyer. In a building famous for narrow and winding corridors, it's good to know that the central foyer is large, with wooden benches for sitting, and a ceiling that

goes to the roof.

**ADVANTAGES:** Centrally located for business students.

**DISADVANTAGES:** Worse than the concourse for crowding during class changes.

Finally, you might want to get some studying done between coffees and conversation. And what better way to hit the books than to be armed with ... well, you get the idea. Coffee's one of those items that goes well with doing anything. (Except having sex perhaps, but don't feel inhibited if you'd like to try it ...) So, herewith, here's some study areas around campus rated by proximity to coffee and background noise level.

**Torque Room:**

**LOCATION:** Next to Concourse, behind Second Cup.

**PROXIMITY TO COFFEE:** Excellent, if you're thinking of the Second Cup. Avoid like the plague any machine coffee found here.

**NOISE LEVEL:** Moderate.

**Solarium:**

**LOCATION:** Between the Arts Building and the Dining Hall. A glassed-in sun room that's a good place to study, but can get hot on a sunny day.

**PROXIMITY TO COFFEE:** Moderate to Poor. Both Dining Hall and Second Cup are equidistant.

**Alumni Lounge:**

**LOCATION:** Second Floor, Student Union Building. Soft seats. There's a TV here, so you might not want to do serious studying. It's a great place to watch TV and have a coffee while on campus.

**PROXIMITY TO COFFEE:** Moderate

to poor. You have to go back to the Second Cup to get one.

**NOISE LEVEL:** Moderate to high, but there IS a TV here.

**Anywhere in the Aird Building:**

**LOCATION:** There are a number of impromptu lounges here.

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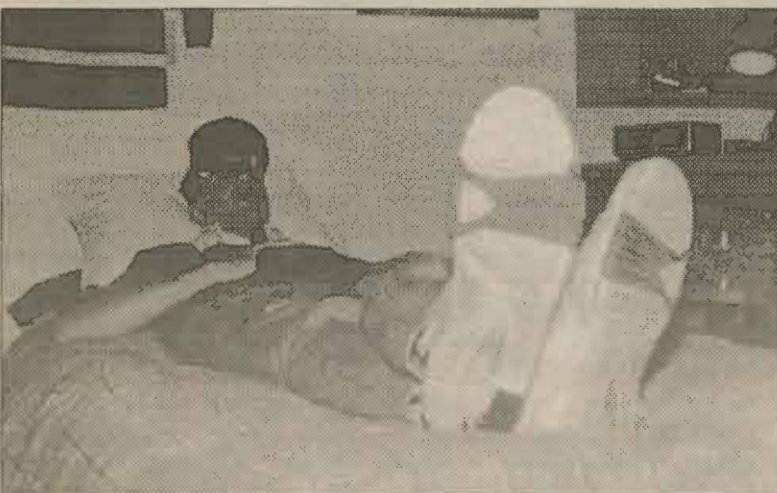
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# Money talks when concerts rock

*What can a cash strapped student do in today's harsh world*

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This dirt was kicked up back when **Woodstock II** was being hailed as a marketing behemoth. Big business has sold and controlled music festivals and we can't do anything but encourage them.

This summer's big concert listings boast more **Lollapalooza** look-a-likes than ever and all are astronomical in price, if not in line-up.

Take, for example, the much advertised **EDEN Musicfest** (July 12, 13, 14 at Molson Park, Barrie). Touted as a "3 Day Modern Rock Festival and Exposition," a whopping \$115.00 will get you parking, camping, and live music from bands such as **The Tragically Hip**, **Live**, **The Cure**, **BushX**, **Everclear**, and **The Odds**. It's Eastern Canada's answer to Woodstock II. The festival's line-up has proven entertainment potential, but the cash is too much for a one-shot deal; even when you throw in the parking space and the camping.

There was the second annual **North by Northeast** June 13th, 14th, and 15th in 25 Toronto venues). Showcasing over 350 bands all three nights, "representing genres from folk to funk, blues to bhangra, roots to rock, polka to punk and all points in between," NxNE offered a most appealing menu to the musically inclined. And what was the price? "Only \$145.00" before (this past

February 1, and \$250.00 at the proverbial door. In other words, NxNE effectively excluded the cash-deprived patrons of alternative music. If you were only interested in seeing the bands, a reasonable \$29.00 let you do just that. But for the conference, the cash was just too much, and you weren't even guaranteed a parking spot.

**Breastfest** was perhaps the most disputed festival of the summer — not for its line up, but for its name. Avid listeners of the festival's host, CFNY, no doubt heard the complaints proudly broadcast every few hours leading up to the May 29 concert at Toronto's newly reopened Concert Hall. Angry, offended, and sarcastic listeners threatened to stop listening to the station, accusing the name "Breastfest" of being a degradation to women. Of course, with all proceeds going to Canadian Breast Cancer Research, the cause was a noble one. And for \$20.00, you could hardly go wrong.

In my opinion, **Edgefest** (Molson Park, Barrie) offers the biggest bang for your buck. For \$25.00 (\$19.50 in advance), the price of most mainstream band concerts, the June 30th festival features almost every great contemporary Canadian band you could shake a maple leaf at. **The Tea Party**, **Our Lady Peace**, **Ashley MacIsaac**, **54-40**, and more. The line-up is the best of the summer.

Of all the festivals this summer, **Lollapalooza** (July 5th at Molson Park, Barrie) holds the most respect — but its line-up is a comparative disappointment. Headliners **Metallica** and **Soundgarden** are by far the biggest names on the bill, along with "Special Guests" the **Ramones** and **Rancid**. Perhaps the most fun to be had here is in sifting through the "rumoured" acts, which include the likes of **Snoop Doggy Dog**, **Radiohead**, **PJ Harvey**, **Iggy Pop**, and the **Fugees**. The bottom line is that the festival's admission price has gone up considerably from last year's sum. And for what?

What scares me the most is that while this year's festival prices border on the extreme, ticket prices are sure to go up next year and every year after, unless something is done. But what? If you offer it, they will come, right?

When all is said and done, remember why the mother of all festivals — Woodstock (the First) — is still considered the best festival ever: it was available to thousands of people who wanted to see a free concert. Woodstock II cost far too much, and it seems that modern festivals have adopted the evil step-mother as a role model, not the one that started it all.

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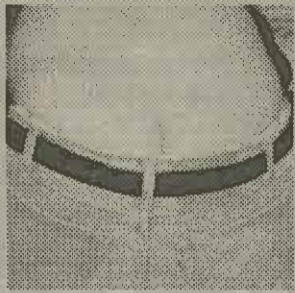


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**2. A&W**

You like? By November you'll wish it was bear season.

**3. Zzzzzzzzz**

Enjoy it while you can. You'll be lucky if you get a z in September.

**4. Laundry**

You know you're in University when the frequency with which you do laundry is determined by the number of clean underwear you possess.

**5. All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti days in the Dining Hall**

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**6. Write for the Cord**

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**7. 202 Regina (Office of the Registrar, etc.)**

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**8. 8:30am classes**

... Hah hah hah ... You poor, misguided fools.

**9. Laurier vs. Western football games.**

Once, just once, I'd like to see that stupid donkey get his ass kicked by that old fogey. Just once ... or maybe twice.

**10. Shinerama**

... shine shine, shine shinerama. The legend lives on ...



Fully aware of his rights as a Laurier student David opts out of the health plan, sobriety plan and dignity plan.

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That's all fine and dandy, but it's about time that you got the real scoop on university life. Now that you've been accepted, it's time that we let you know about our Laurier secret:



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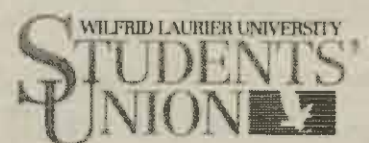
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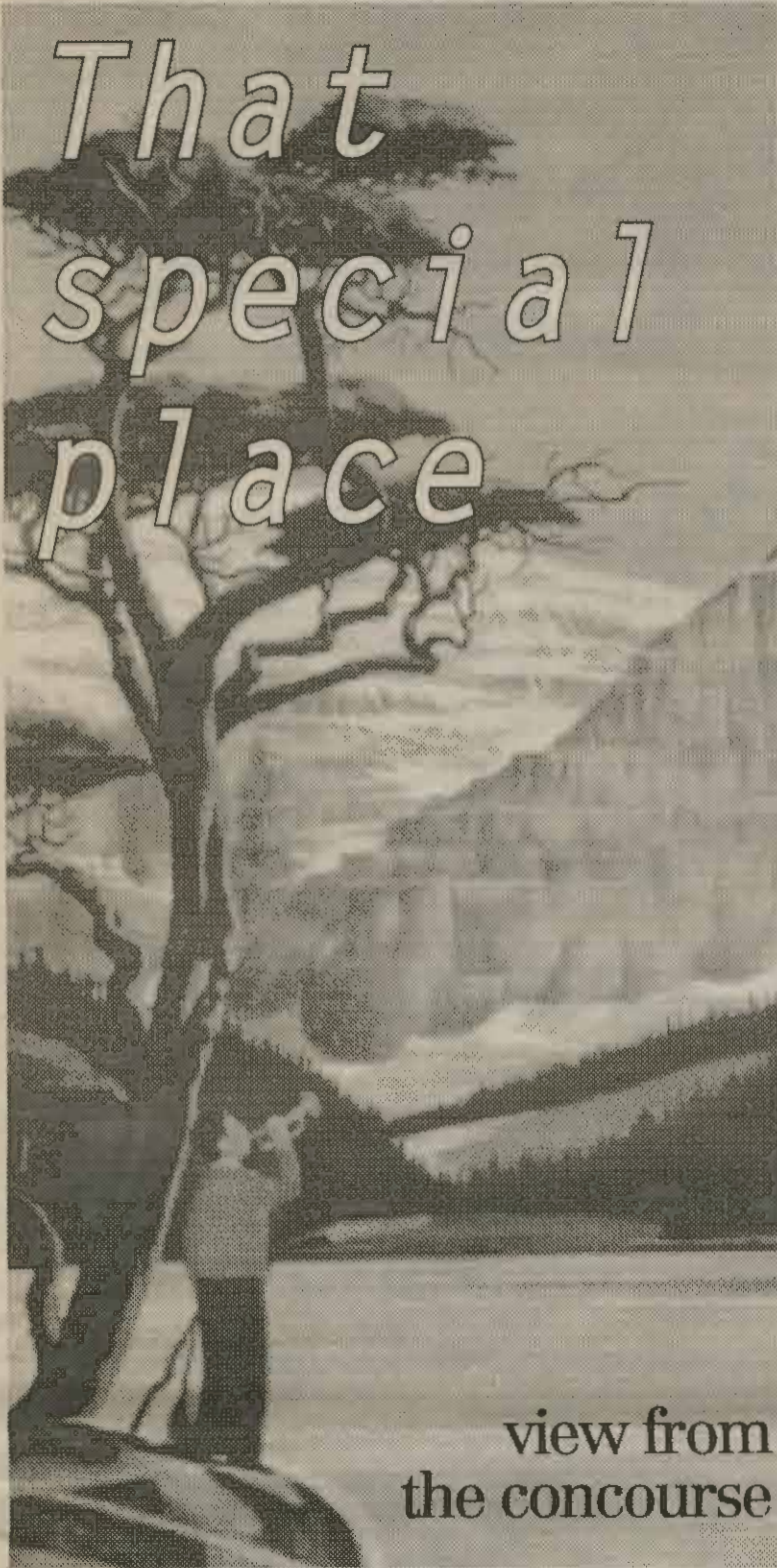
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# That special place



view from the concourse

rob glover

Everyone has a favorite place to go, somewhere they just head to relax after a painful midterm or a tiring stretch. A quiet corner to recharge one's psychic batteries. If you live on campus it might be your dorm. Or it might not, depending on your roommates, I suppose. If you live off campus, it might be some obscure corner of the library. My favorite corner? The concourse.

Concourse? That place between the Student Union building and the Dr. Alvin Woods building? Where they sell coffee at one end and books at the other? Where every other week during the school year something is going on? Isn't that place crowded?

Well, yes, but the concourse is really the only place on campus that I can indulge in two of my favorite pastimes while relaxing: coffee drinking and people watching. Since it's a thoroughfare as well as a destination (coffee and books, remember?), it's also a great way to keep an eye on the student body without having to go too far. It's like "Rick's Cafe" in the movie *Casablanca*: "everyone eventually comes here, even if just to pass through." Even the business and science students, attending the odd class in the Dr. Alvin Woods Building, occasionally come through.

It's a great way to see what's going on around the campus as well. If someone isn't selling posters of Third World products, then the Students' Union is hosting an all-

candidates meeting or the Waterbuffaloes are selling tickets to their latest event. A view from the concourse can be a good thumbnail sketch of the mood and tempo of the campus in general.

It's the Spring/Intercession term right now, so not much is going on. During the year, between class changes, it's relatively peaceful too. The benches allow reading as well as people watching, but no tables, so it's a lousy place for homework, which is just as well. So, the concourse is a great place for me to think about what's going on around me, whether at Laurier in particular or the world in general. It's also a great place to meet people (crossroads are cool that way) and offer said thoughts for review and rebuttal.

So, what's my view from the concourse right now? Well, as I sit here, a cup of steaming Irish cream in hand, and a remarkable lack of schoolbooks, not much is actually happening here at the crossroads of Laurier. In my mind's eye, I observe the on-going repairs to the outside of the Library building, the expansion of the Alumni Hall, the smoking ruins of my first attempt at university math, the remarkable lack of fallout from an Ezra Street bash that did not happen (much to everyone's relief), and the fact we seemed to have skipped Spring and headed straight into Summer.

But mostly, I observe how much the campus has changed since I started here two years ago. But that's the subject of another column.

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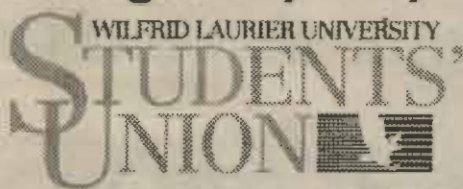
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